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SUBJECT: PRESS CONFERENCE BY NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS GARBA, OCTOBER 8

1. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN,  
OCTOBER 8, GARBA MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

2. MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NEW YORK - "I MET  
HIM. WE HAD VERY FRUITFUL TALKS. WE WERE VERY FRANK WITH EACH  
OTHER. WE ANALYZED OUR PROBLEMS AND WAYS TO GET AROUND THEM."

3. U.S. REACTION TO UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN'S SPEECH/OAU  
POSITION - AMIN, GARBA EXPLAINED, WAS SPEAKING BOTH AS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU AND PRESIDENT OF UGANDA IN HIS ASSEMBLY  
SPEECH LAST WEEK, AND HE "DIVIDED HIS SPEECH IN THOSE TWO  
PARTS." "THE FIRST PART OF THE SPEECH WHICH WAS WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT OF THE OAU I CANNOT SAY ANYTHING  
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ABOUT. I THINK IT WAS OK." ON HIS SPEECH AS PRESIDENT OF

UGANDA, GARBA SAID THAT SINCE NIGERIA BELIEVES IN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES, IT IS HIS BELIEF THAT HE SHOULD NOT COMMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. ASKED IF HE THINKS THE MOYNIHAN REACTION AND SUBSEQUENT DEBATE HAS ENDANGERED THE CALM THAT HAS PREVAILED SINCE THE SPECIAL SESSION, AND BROUGHT ON A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE UN, GARBA SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES AFFECTS THE WORK OF THE ASSEMBLY OR THE UN IN GENERAL. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THE UGANDAN AMBASSADOR HAD THE DUTY TO PROTECT THE PERSON OF HIS PRESIDENT. "ON THE OTHER HAND, I FEEL THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE OVER-REACTED A BIT IN THE WAY HE WENT ABOUT IT." ASKED IF HE THINKS THE US IS UNDER THE TOTAL CONTROL OF ZIONISTS AND IF ISRAEL SHOULD REMAIN A STATE, HE SAID TO READ HIS SPEECH TO THE ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY. IT WOULD BE "UNFORTUNATE" IF THE US ADOPTED A HOSTILE ATTITUDE AGAINST ALL OF AFRICA BECAUSE AMIN WAS SPEAKING AS PRESIDENT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN TO HAVE CONFINED HIS REMARKS INSTEAD OF MAKING SUCH "A SWEEPING STATEMENT." NIGERIA DOES NOT AGREE WITH THE REACTION OF THE DAHOMEY AMBASSADOR WHO WAS SPEAKING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRICAN GROUP FOR THE MONTH.

4. CHANGE OF REGIME IN NIGERIA - HOW MANY DISMISSALS? -

GARBA SAID THIS IS A "CONTINUING PROCESS;" THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION AT THIS TIME TO SAY THE EXACT NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED; THAT HE HAS BEEN AWAY FROM HOME A WEEK AND DOESN'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF THEIR JOBS IN THAT TIME. HE SAID THE WHOLE FRAMEWORK OF THE NIGERIAN SYSTEM IS BEING AFFECTED; THAT THE "UNDESIRABLES" ARE BEING ELIMINATED.

5. RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL - GARBA SAID NIGERIA HAS MADE IT CLEAR IN ALL STATEMENTS THAT THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL COME WHEN ISRAEL ABIDES BY ALL UN RESOLUTIONS AND WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL ARAB LANDS.

6. SOUTHERN AFRICA/RHODESIA - HE SAID THERE IS GREAT DISILLUSIONMENT WITH THE IAN SMITH REGIME AND HANDLING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROBLEM; THAT THE DETERMINED STRUGGLE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL CONTINUE. "WE FEEL SUPER POWERS HAVE ALLOWED

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THEMSELVES" TO BE FOOLED; THAT IAN SMITH HAS TAKEN EVERYBODY "FOR A RIDE. WE HAVE SEEN THROUGH IT AND ARE NOW PREPARED TO INTENSIFY THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WILL RECEIVE OUR TOTAL SUPPORT." NIGERIA IS AIDING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN CASH AND KIND BUT THROUGH THE OAU. NIGERIA SUPPORTS ANY MOVE THAT MIGHT LEAD TO PEACE INCLUDING THE VORSTER/KAUNDA INITIATIVES, BUT BELIEVES THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA MUST SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

7. ANGOLA - NIGERIA WANTS A UNITED ANGOLA AND WILL DO ANYTHING TOWARDS THAT END. NIGERIA WON'T COMMIT ITSELF TO ANY PARTICULAR MOVEMENT BUT WANTS TO SEE ALL FACTIONS GET TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY. THE ANGOLA PROBLEM IS ESSENTIALLY AN OAU PROBLEM AND NIGERIA WILL DO ITS BEST WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK TO HELP OUT IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

8. NIGERIA'S POLITICAL FUTURE - NIGERIA WILL NOT RETURN TO TRIBAL WARFARE, HE STRESSED THE IBOS WILL BE FAIRLY REPRESENTED IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT; A NEW ELECTION WILL COME BEFORE 1979. HE BELIEVES THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IS BEING STRAIGHTENED OUT BY DEPENDING ON APPOINTMENTS BY MERIT.

9. WORLD FESTIVAL OF ARTS - THIS IS NOT CANCELLED ONLY POSTPONED UNTIL A CAREFUL ASSESSMENT OF COSTS ETC. CAN BE MADE; A NEW DATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

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10. OIL - ASKED HOW THE OIL SHORTAGES CAN BE ALLEVIATED

IN POORER COUNTRIES, AND WHAT NIGERIA WILL DO WITHIN THE OPEC FRAMEWORK TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE, GARBA SAID NIGERIA HAS NO MANDATE TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION IN SETTING OIL PRICES. NIGERIA THINKS AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE EMPOWERED SO THAT POOR COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE AFFECTED BY OIL PRICES CAN PRESENT THEIR CASE AND GET THE AID THEY NEED.

11. MIDDLE EAST - THE ONLY WAY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IS TO ABOLISH ANY "ALL OR NOTHING" ATTITUDE, GARBA SAID. ALL PARTIES MUST BE FLEXIBLE AND GUIDED BY DEVELOPMENTS IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS.

12. SPANISH SAHARA - HE SUPPORTS INDEPENDENCE OF THE AREA.

13. MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN NIGERIA - NIGERIA DOES NOT PLAN ANY TAKEOVER OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN THE COUNTRY AT THIS TIME;  
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"THAT IS NOT TO SAY IF LATER WE FIND IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, WE WOULDN'T."

14. DECOLONIZATION IN AFRICA - IT WOULD BE REALISTIC TO SET A DEADLINE FOR DECOLONIZATION ON THE WHOLE CONTINENT, BUT THE MAJOR ACTION THAT HAS TO BE TAKEN IS IN THE HANDS OF THE SUPERPOWERS. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD WITHDRAW TOTAL SUPPORT FROM SOUTH AFRICA, OR GREAT BRITAIN MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO END THE SMITH REGIME, THIS WOULD BE THE ANSWER. "IT WOULD BE UP TO THE SUPER POWERS TO ABIDE BY THE DATES SET." HE DOES NOT CONSIDER THE SOVIET UNION A SUPER POWER IN THE AFRICAN CONTEXT.  
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